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EDITORIALS

ALL LIKE BARKLEY

Opinions vary as to President Harry S. Truman. He is either good or awful, pending to whom you are talking. But the other half of this year's Democratic ticket, Senator Alben Barkley, of Kentucky, is universally esteemed. To have been in rough and tumble politics for nearly half a century, and yet to have the love and respect of politicians friend and foe, is a tribute to greatness. He is the ablest candidate for Vice-President the Democratic Party has offered in a generation. Many now wish that Barkley had been the party's candidate in 1944. Had such been the case, we believe the party would present a united front today instead of being torn by dissention. As it is, believe, many wavering voters will be led to support the ticket because they believe in the experienced, eloquent and able statesman from Kentucky. Since the passing of the late President Roosevelt and the brilliant Wendell Willkie, Barkley is the best "campaigner" in the nation.

STILL THE BLUES

The present Danube River Conference isn't likely to lighten the tint of the blue in the Blue Danube Waltz.

A SURE CURE

(Kingsport, Tenn. Times)

One woman cured her husband of being cranky at breakfast. She didn't give him any.

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(Greenville, Tenn. Sun)

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GERMANY MUST EXPORT

From Eastern Shore News

The representatives of the victorious allies, which are concerned with the development of Western Germany, recently agreed upon a plan which set up a separate self-governing area and looks forward to the rehabilitation of the productive facilities of the great industrial zone of Germany.

The French were somewhat concerned over the proposal to increase the industrial power of Germany but it should be noted that the plan calls international control of coal, coke and steel produced in the Ruhr. This is to insure access to these commodities which previously were subject to the exclusive control of Germany.

In addition, the Western powers agree that there will be no general withdrawal of their soldiers from Germany "until the peace of Europe is secured and without prior consultation."

It should be noted that the British, French and American zones of occupation have a population of about 50,000,000, nearly three-fourths of the old country, and contain two-thirds of the total area. Before the war the zones accounted for three-fifths of the nation's industrial production, but produced only about one-half the food requirements of the population it contained. Consequently, the economic recovery of the Western zone depends upon the swap of German industrial products for the agricultural products of other countries.

The Russian zone, as should be noted, is more than self-sufficient as to food. In addition, the Soviet Union has the food granaries of Eastern Europe under its control. If there exists a wall between the reorganized Western zones of Germany and the areas of Europe under the control of the Soviet, the food supply of the Western Germans would have to come from overseas. This will mean a market no doubt, for American, Argentine, Australian and other farmers.

It should be frankly recognized, however, that this market will not exist unless these other nations are willing to buy some of the industrial products and some of the raw materials of the Western zone of Germany. In short, the Germans will be unable to secure food from abroad unless they are able to pay for it by the products which they have available for export.

Consequently, there is general expectation that the force of circumstances will cause the Russians to abandon their idea of a commercial blockade and that there will develop a general swapping of the industrial products of Western Germany for the agricultural products of Eastern Europe.

Farben blast total now at 175.

Accord reached to present solid front on foreign policy during the presidential campaign.

Dairy farms are increasing in the Southwest.

Northern mills top South in pay rates.

SWISS ANNIVERSARY

New York Times

Time-honored anniversaries are rare, yet the little Alpine country of Switzerland, within a short span, finds herself celebrating two important occasions. Today the mountainous nation, half the size of the State of Maine, observes the 657th year of democratic freedom, after having celebrated the centenary of its modern structure last June. Fires will burn high on steep slopes everywhere and church bells will peal out the glad tidings as the Swiss people enjoy festivities comparable to our July 4 observances, in marking the country's continued devotion to democracy.

It was on August 1, 1291, that the struggle for Swiss independence against the Hapsburg barons reached its climax. For then the representatives of the three "forest" cantons—Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden— convened on the Rutli meadow along the shores of picturesque Lake Lucerne and established a system of local self-government in opposition to the officials set up by the Hapsburgs. Consisting of loosely bound states, this Federation still had to defend itself against would-be invaders during the Middle Ages. Consolidation, as a closely knit nation of twenty-two cantons, was finally achieved through the Constitution of 1848, which remains the basic law in Switzerland to this day.

The Swiss country has 4,500,000 people speaking four different languages. These decerent groups have worked together in tolerance and harmony over a period of six and a half centuries, setting a most heartening example today of democracy at work in a troubled world.

LIFE EXPECTANCY INCREASES TO 67 YEARS

Winchester Star

The average life span of persons in the United States has reached the new high of almost 67 years, calculated on the basis of the 1946 death rates. The new longevity figure represents an increase of nearly a full year over the level prevailing in the immediate post-war period of 1939-41. The calculation of the Federal Security Agency shows that the expectation of life at birth for white females is now 70.8 years. This compares with 65.1 for a male white baby.

The average longevity for nonwhites, on the basis of 1946 figures, was 61 years for females and 57.5 for males, but the improvements between '41 and 1946 was greater for non-whites than for the white segment of the population. In fact the agency noted a narrowing race differential in longevity since 1900.

Polio still rages in North Carolina.

Tokyo newspapers now permitted to use 4 pages in Sunday editions.

Eastern bloc pushes plan for full control of Danube.

Puerto Rico dock shtrike threatens food supply.

Allied envoys discuss foreign policy with Salin.

Russia seeks to bar U. S., Britain and France from the Danube River Conference.

Phone 30 with Personals.

Uncle Sam Says

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

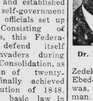
International Uniform Sunday School Lessons
By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D.D.

SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 38:1-39; 15
DEVOTIONAL READING: Matthew 25:31-46.

Ebed-Melech, The Ethiopian

Lesson for August 8, 1948

ARE you ready for a real story? Then turn to Jeremiah 38, and read on to verse 18 in the 39th chapter. This interesting story reveals a hero, Ebed-melech, by name, which means "the king's slave." This may have been his official title rather than his personal name. Anyway, he is the hero of our story, and a very admirable hero, indeed.



Dr. Newton

He was a Negro, and Ethiopian eunuch, in charge of the king's chambers. Zedekiah, as the story reveals, held Ebed-melech in high esteem. He was, obviously, a most honorable man. How he had come to know Jeremiah, and to esteem him so highly, is a subject for profitable contemplation. The devotional reading, Matthew 25:31-46, offers final opinion on the value of Ebed-melech's ministry to Jeremiah. The golden text, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men," Galatians 6:10.

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JEREMIAH'S FRIEND

EBED-MELECH was Jeremiah's friend. When he saw what the princes had done to Jeremiah, he went to the king and begged him to allow him to draw Jeremiah out of the mire in the dark dungeon. He know that Jeremiah would soon die in this awful place, and Ebed-melech risked his life in making the request to rescue Jeremiah. The wonder is that the princes had not ordered Ebed-melech slain. Evidently, they recognized the hand of God.

Like as this Negro servant in the long ago served God by rendering kindness to a man of another race, so may we today serve God and civilization by good will and kindly service to all races.

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FREEDOM THROUGH A SLAVE

THE story of Ebed-melech's kindness to Jeremiah lifts to enobling example the act of a slave on behalf of freedom. The world's benefactors are those who understand freedom, and cast themselves in utter self-forgetfulness into the struggle for right against wrong.

What had Jeremiah done to receive such harsh treatment? He had delivered God's message to the people of Jerusalem, warning them that the city would be taken by the Chaldeans, and how they might escape destruction. Jeremiah was proclaiming freedom—not always a popular course. For this effort to help the people, he was thrown into the muddy dungeon. This servant of the king was the only man in Jerusalem who understood the purpose of Jeremiah.

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A FRIEND INDEED

GRANTED permission from the king to rescue Jeremiah, Ebed-melech devised prompt methods of letting down old pieces of rope and rags, telling Jeremiah how to fasten them under his arms, and with the aid of thirty men drew him up from the mire, and brought him into the court of the prison.

And then God spoke words of great reward to Jeremiah on behalf of Ebed-melech. "But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the Lord; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee, because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the Lord."

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WHO SIDES WITH GOD

EBED-MELECH'S noble ministry to Jeremiah lifts up a banner for every true follower of the Lord. Who sides with God must always win. That is the lesson of the lesson. We should never have known about this Negro, had he not cast his all on the side of God.

"Who sides with God must always win,
No cause to him is lost."

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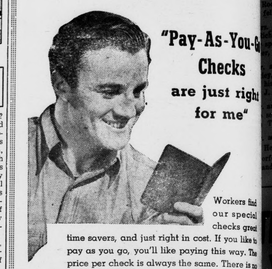
Social People

It seems clear to me that God designed us to live in society—just as He has given the bees the honey: and as our social system could not subsist without the sense of justice and injustice. He has given us the power to acquire that sense.

Voltaire.

Our Creator would never have made such lovely days, and have given us the deep hearts to enjoy them, above and beyond all thought, unless we were meant to be immortal.—Hawthorne.

Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life and a living process.—Coleridge.



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...Roy Dickerson, of ..., spent Tuesday ...and uncle, Mr. and ...W. Dickerson.

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Quite a number from Rocks attended the meeting at Evergreen last week.

Rocks B. T. U. received the banner at the group rally last Friday night.

Mary Willie Ranson celebrated her 5th birthday last Tuesday.

Ann Ranson celebrated her 5th birthday last Thursday.

Charlene Ranson had some friends from Farmville to spend last week with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Almond and children and Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond and family attended the funeral of Morris Birdsong, at Farmville Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Otis Ranson celebrated his birthday Sunday.

The Rev. C. G. Carter preached a fine sermon at Rocks on Sunday night.

The revival meeting at Rocks started tonight. The Rev. Ben R. Bruner, of Farmville is conducting these services.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inge were dinner guests of Mrs. D. R. Inge Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson and children spent Sunday recently with the parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Foster, of Darlington Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Baldwin and family moved down with his mother, Mrs. R. C. Baldwin Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and son, Danny, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dickerson and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson Saturday afternoon.

Big Four conference may lead to lifting Berlin blockade.

Canal survey in Columbia scheduled.

U. S. planes join in hunt for missing French craft.

Loan to United Nations approved by House committee.

Wallace Party reported short of funds for campaign.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Aug. 2.—Miss Della Hughes, of Baltimore is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. C. Hughes.

Mrs. Carl Evans, of Roanoke and Miss Etta Austin, of Alexandria, are guests in the home of Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Miss Evelyn Jernell, of Richmond is visiting in the home of her sister, Mrs. Z. T. Moran.

Mrs. Bridgeforth, of Kenbridge, was the week-end guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. T. C. Ligon.

Joe Gardner, of Southwest, Va., spent last week-end with John Jeter Ligon. Mr. Ligon accompanied him to Richmond Sunday.

Misses Lucille Dickerson and Mary Rives Black were the dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, of Vera Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Baldwin and children, of New York are visiting in the the home of Mrs. Baldwin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rad Williams.

Mr. Mobler spent Monday in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Booker and family, of Richmond are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Booker.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Campbell, of Lynchburg were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gilliam.

The Rev. and Mrs. Sam Harwood, of Victoria were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Harwood.

C. Acree Southall is spending his vacation in Flint, Michigan, with his friend, R. Russ Williams. They were together on battleships at Pearl Harbor in World War II.

American Olympic team making splendid showing at London.

Greeks ask free entry into Italian colonies.

Woman named as probation officer in Charlottesville.

Rains boost crop prospect.

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WEATHER AFFECTS SUPPLY OF MEAT

Adequate rainfall during August will mean a bumper crop of corn, and will encourage increased production and feeding of meat animals, and for consumers will mean increased meat supplies for the future. This statements comes from G. C. Herring, animal husbandman of the Extension Service.

However, Herring emphasizes, it takes time to convert feed into meat, and consumers need not expect more abundant supplies and lower prices immediately. Prices may get higher before they get lower, he says.

Townsmen Turn Out To Plug Chuck-Holes

ALEXANDRIA, IND. — Three preachers, two bankers, the mayor and nearly 500 fellow townsmen rolled up their sleeves and put Alexandria's streets back in shape.

They answered an appeal by the Alexandria better business association for volunteer labor to fill what Mayor Guy C. Lewis estimated was "thousands" of chuck-holes.

Men, women and children, led by the shirt-sleeved mayor himself, grabbed brooms, shovels and rakes. They spent a day pouring asphalt and smoothing it out.

The street repair problem was the result of conferences between the association and the city administration.

The streets were in such bad shape that they were hardly passable.

But the town fathers said they couldn't afford to furnish the materials and all the labor needed to get the job done quickly.

They agreed to buy the materials if the townspeople would furnish the labor.

All the stores closed except the restaurants and drug stores. Factories continued to operate but dismissed their executives to help with the work.

Among the sweating volunteers were the Reverends H. R. Carson, Robert Nixon and S. E. Mugridge.

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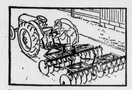

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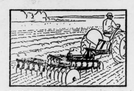

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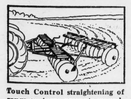
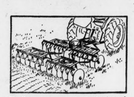


Touch Control straightening of gangs on turns prevents mounding ground, saves fuel.



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